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New York District

HOOSIC RIVER RESTORATION, Adams, Massachusetts

**Project Modifications for Improvement of the
Environment**

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: Three separate Corps flood damage reduction projects have been constructed along the Hoosic River to protect surrounding towns. A tributary to the Hudson, the Hoosic River is one of the few ecosystems in Massachusetts that still contains a viable self-sustaining population of wild trout. Flood damage reduction features, including a concrete flume and rip-rap levees, have contributed to conditions increasingly unsuitable for the perpetuation of wild trout populations. This study will seek to alleviate environmental degradation problems along the Hoosic River by such means as reducing the overall temperature of river and restoring natural stream habitat conditions along the channel. Options to be considered include the creation of additional stream cover, the construction of a pilot or diversion channel, or the application of innovative bio-engineering modifications.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 1135(b) of WRDA, 1986, as amended.

STATUS: The Section 1135 Preliminary Restoration Plan was approved in June 2000. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts concurred with the Project Management Plan, outlining the feasibility study scope, and is the non-Federal sponsor. The Ecosystem Restoration Report or feasibility phase was initiated in February 2002 and is currently underway.

STUDY COST:

Estimated Study Costs:	\$1,100,000
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	Total	\$1,100,000

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